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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, from Freeman Hall. I hope everyone is happy, healthy and enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having here in Warrior Country. The Division just completed War Path 0 and Courageous Channel and is fully engaged in the Warrior Focus III external evaluations for Battalions in 1HBCT. Medical personnel from across the peninsula came to Warrior Country in April and Early May to train and test for the coveted Expert Field medical Badge. In all over 284 Soldiers tested and 9 were awarded the EFMB, including 2 from 2ID; congratulations to those who earned this coveted badge. Of course, any time the maneuver elements of the Division go to the field; parts or all of the Division Special Troops Battalion go along in support, so it has been a busy few weeks. We've started the summer rotations with Division Staff departing for new jobs in the Brigades or heading back to CONUS. COL Merrick will give up Command of the 210th Fires Brigade on 31 May at Camp Casey to head down to USFK. Of course, all of you already know just how busy we are; we also know how busy you are, and we appreciate your support and consideration.

This ninth issue of the FRG Newsletter continues the procedure of sending the newsletter without attachments or the body of the newsletter. This is an effort to reduce the size of this mailing to make it easier to receive in your e-mail box. The remainder is posted on the 2ID website. Hopefully the intro blurbs below will whet your appetite and you can review the full document and additional information online. Other information of interest on the website includes activity calendars and lists for the areas where you live. To view the files click on this link (<http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/family/events/>). I request that you forward the links for this information to the members of your unit FRG, both here and CONUS. There is a list of FRG events from the Warrior Activities Calendar below. To help you plan and hopefully attend them, we included the dates for our Battalion and Brigade changes of command. There have been a few date changes, so be sure to update your calendars. If you have other events or info you'd like included, please forward them to your Battalion FRG Leader who will forward them to our Division FRG Liaison.

Thanks for your time and assistance!

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IMPORTANT COMMAND INFORMATION!

2ID Commander's Message: Greetings to all!

There were many training exercises going on within the division during the month of May. A significant event was our involvement in Courageous Channel. I would like to thank the Soldiers and Family members for their participation. It is imperative that we understand the importance of this exercise. In the event that we have to activate these measures, knowing what to do and where to go is crucial. More importantly, being registered and accounted for on this peninsula is a must. In order for us to ensure that everyone is safe and evacuated, if necessary, in a timely manner, we must know that you and your Family reside here in Korea. Your support in this effort made this exercise a huge success.

The school term is about to end and everyone will be enjoying a well-deserved summer vacation. Make sure that you take this time to enjoy Family, friends and the beauty of Korea, but remember we all serve as Ambassadors to the citizens of the Republic of Korea 24/7. Let's remain good neighbors and conduct ourselves accordingly. Also, I must re-emphasize summer safety. We must ensure that all the appropriate measures are in place to mitigate any risks associated with hot weather as we continue to conduct training and enjoy recreational activities.

Stay safe and have a wonderful summer. Second to None!

JAMES A. COGGIN
MG, USA
Commanding

NEWS SHORTS

FINANCIAL SYSTEM GLITCH FAILS TO AUTO-PAY OHA FOR 700 SOLDIERS:

Approximately 700 Soldiers' pay accounts were affected by a system error in the Automatic Rent Collection program today. As a result of the error, rent payments for Soldiers receiving Overseas Housing Allowance were not automatically collected from the May pay period, causing an increase in their mid-month and end-of-month pay for May 2007. To assist Soldiers understand the issue, the 176th Finance Battalion Commander prepared a memorandum for Soldiers affected by the error, "Do not spend the extra money. You will use it to pay your rental agent or landlord at the end-of-month May." There are no long term problems with the Automatic Rent Collection program; the current system problem has been

identified and resolved. Memorandums about the problem were only issued to those Soldiers whose pay accounts were involved. All area finance offices and unit human resources sections have a list of affected Soldiers, and a finance representative will contact all affected Soldiers. To ensure June rental payments are made, Soldiers are asked to come to the finance office disbursing window in their local area from June 1-13 to cash a personal check for the amount of their rent payment. For more information, please contact the finance office at DSN 723-3562 or 723-5394.

UNIT COMMANDER'S FINANCE REPORT

HANDBOOK: The 175th FMC has developed a Unit Commander's Finance Report (UCFR) handbook to assist Commanders to understand their roles and responsibilities and certification procedures associated with the UCFR. The UCFR is designed to give the unit commander a one line rollup of a Soldier's pay status. It is an extremely valuable management tool provided to the commander monthly to verify that Soldiers are receiving their authorized pay and allowances. A proper review of the UCFR is essential to improve combat readiness and to reduce fraud, waste and abuse. Chapter 1 presents a general overview of the components of the UCFR to assist with familiarization. Chapter 2 provides a step-by-step how-to guide on reconciling the UCFR, to include a section on entitlements to assist with identifying discrepancies. Certification procedures are outlined in Chapter 3, including how to properly annotate the UCFR. Submission and unit specific requirements are outline in Chapter 4. The handbook is written in layman's terms to alleviate the burden of "technical" jargon. Commanders should use this book in conjunction with additional finance materials to keep their units ready to "Fight Tonight."

AUSA NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEER FAMILY OF THE YEAR

AWARD: The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is now accepting nominations for its 2007 Volunteer Family of the Year Award. With so many Soldiers deployed and families separated, this is an apt time to recognize volunteer contributions made in communities within the U.S. and overseas by those who give their time and energy to support Soldiers and families. Active duty, U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Army retiree, and Department of the Army families are eligible for the award. The winning family will receive a trip to Washington, DC for the AUSA Annual Meeting, a cash prize and a gift basket courtesy of Rubbermaid, AUSA and GEICO. Two runner-up families will receive a savings bond and gift basket. All nominated families will receive an Association coin and certificate. Nominations may be submitted through local AUSA Chapters, which may

be located at: <http://www.ausa.org/chapters>. Each chapter may submit three nominations. Each nomination must include a completed nomination form with a point of contact, address and telephone number for the nominating chapter, and a 600-800 word narrative describing the nominated family's volunteerism, overall impact on the community and any awards received. Nomination forms and a sample narrative are available on the AUSA Family Programs web site at: www.ausa.org/family and must be received no later than 15 June 2007.

POSTAL RATES HAVE INCREASED: Effective May 14 the cost of a first class stamp rose from \$0.39 (39 cents) to \$0.41 (41 cents). \$0.02 (2 cent) stamps are available at all Army Post Offices, and should be used to make up the difference for any \$0.39 stamps still in your possession, or to add your opinion to any discussion. Call your local Post Office for further information.

NEW RELOCATION TOOLS REPLACE SITES: The Department of Defense has implemented two new automated relocation tools. The tools, Military Installations and Plan My Move, reside on the MilitaryHOMEFRONT and MilitaryOneSource websites at: www.militaryHOMEFRONT.dod.mil and www.militaryonesource.com. These tools allow for utilization of advanced technology and reliable internet information coupled with 24/7 services available from Military OneSource. Military Installations and Plan My Move are streamlined, interactive, reliable and up-to-date moving applications.

CAPITALIZE THE WORD "FAMILY" IN ALL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE: The Director of the Army Staff (DAS) recently sent a message requesting widest dissemination. In the message, the DAS stated that in recognition of the fact that Army Families are a key component of readiness, and shoulder a great burden of sacrifice, supporting their Soldier and often enduring long periods of separation from their loved ones, effective immediately, the word "Families" will be capitalized in all Army correspondence.

DOCUMENTARY TELLS THE STORY OF MILITARY BRATS: *Brats: Our Journey Home* is a documentary film that chronicles the unique life of children of US military personnel. Military Brats from past and present share intimate memories of their mobile lifestyle and of growing up on military bases around the world. The film includes an interview with General Norman Schwarzkopf and is narrated by Kris Kristofferson, both military brats. The filmmaker, Donna Musil, is also the daughter of an Army officer.

For more information, visit the film's website at: <http://www.bratsourjourneyhome.com/order.htm>.

SERVICEMEMBERS' ENTITLEMENT TO COLA FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: As command sponsored dependents travel to and from an OCONUS Permanent Duty Station (PDS) while attending college, COLA will be authorized as dependents return during school breaks. Throughout the year, command sponsored dependents travel from Korea back to the United States to attend college, returning periodically for summer, spring and fall breaks. As the Student's location changes, the Sponsor's entitlement to COLA is directly affected and requires rate changes based on the dependent student's location. When one or more dependents depart the PDS vicinity and return to CONUS to attend school, the payment of COLA is reduced to the number of dependents remaining at the PDS starting the day following the dependent's departure date. As long as the student is a command sponsored dependent, COLA will be increased effective the date the dependent returns to the PDS for periodic school breaks and decreased the day following the date the dependent departs the PDS to return to school. Service Members must complete DA Form 4187 signed by their commander verifying dependent's arrival and departure dates to/from Korea, as soon as those dates are known. The unit will submit the DA Form 4187 to the 176th Finance Battalion for processing.

NEW SCAM TARGETING MILITARY SPOUSES: The American Red Cross has learned about a new scam targeting military families. This scam takes the form of false information being told to military families as described below:

The caller (young-sounding, American accent) calls a military spouse and identifies herself as a representative from the Red Cross. The caller states that the spouse's husband (not identified by name) was hurt while on duty in Iraq and was med-evacuated to a hospital in Germany. The caller states they couldn't start treatment until paperwork was accomplished, and that in order to start the paperwork they needed the spouse to verify her husband's social security number and date of birth. In this case, the spouse was quick to catch on and she did not provide any information to the caller.

American Red Cross representatives typically do not contact military members/dependents directly and almost always go through a commander or first sergeant channels. Military family members are urged not to give out any personal information over

the phone if contacted by unknown/unverified individuals, to include confirmation that your spouse is deployed.

It is a federal crime, punishable by up to 5 years in prison, for a person to falsely or fraudulently pretend to be a member of, or an agent for, the American National Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material.

In addition, American Red Cross representatives will contact military members/dependents directly only in response to an emergency message initiated by your family. The Red Cross does not report any type of casualty information to family members. The Department of Defense will contact families directly if their military member has been injured. Should any military family member receive such a call, they are urged to report it to their local Family Readiness Group or Military Personnel Flight.

The American Red Cross ensures that the American people are in touch with their family members serving in the United States military by operating a communications network that is open 24-hours, 7 days-a-week, 365 days-a-year. Through a network of employees and volunteers at Red Cross national that link families during emergencies, access to emergency financial assistance, confidential counseling, community support headquarters, local chapters, on military installations, and deployed with troops, the Red Cross offers a broad range of services. Among these services, the Red Cross provides communications for families left behind, assistance to veterans, and preparedness courses for military personnel and their families.

AREA I

CAMP CASEY PX EXTENDED HOURS: Effective April 30, the Camp Casey PX extended their hours. The new hours are Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

AREA II

K-16 OPENS BANK TO HAPPY CUSTOMERS: Officials cut a ribbon to celebrate the opening of a new Community Bank at K-16 Air Base May 9. The long awaited bank had been in the works for two years. The bank is located at the Community Activity Center. It is now open five days a week. Customers can make new bank accounts, deposits, and loans, including all available services they can find at the Yongsan Garrison Community Bank. Depositing may be more convenient with the new ATM machine

placed in front of the center's main entrance. Community members will be able to dine, enjoy leisure activities, and use the bank all in one place because the K-16 CAC features all facilities in one location.

TREE SPRAYING ON YONGSAN: Pest controllers will start tree injections through July 31. Tree injections are not harmful to people or the environment if not tampered with. Spraying of other trees and shrubs will begin May 21- Sept 30. If you or your vehicle come into contact with pesticide drifts or sprays, wash affected areas with liquid detergent soap and water as soon as possible. For information, call 724-4176.

NEW EDITION OF THE SEOUL SURVIVOR: The American Forces' Spouses' Club (AFSC) has produced *The Seoul Survivor*, an informative publication, since 1984. While the guide is mainly oriented on Seoul, much of the information is helpful to those who live in other Areas of USFK. The original intent of this book was to provide helpful information and a good overview for the newcomer to South Korea, and is considered to be one of the best resources on the peninsula and a constant source of support and entertainment. The 2007-2008 edition is available at the Chosun Gift Shop, and Area I ACS will soon have copies available. An electron copy is also available for download on the American Forces Spouses Club website <http://www.afsckorea.org/>. Don't miss this helpful guide to life in Korea.

AREA III

TEEN JOBS AT CYS: There are still job openings for teens, 16 years or older for youth sports baseball officials and scorers. No prior knowledge or training is needed. CYS will train you. You will become a member of the Sports Club and receive paid training as well as have your association dues paid. Games are scheduled on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons.

CYS ADULT JOBS: Youth Sports has positions for sports officials and scorers to help with all Youth Sports games. You must be able to work some Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons. For additional information, contact Lisa Hogue, Youth Sports Director at lisa.hogue.1@korea.army.mil 753-5051.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

STORK NEST ROOMS FOR FAMILIES

The Stork Nest is a program provided to pregnant mothers and immediate relatives of hospitalized Soldiers and Family Members in Areas I, III, and IV. Reservations must be made in order to be given room priority. Currently there are seven rooms reserved at two different facilities, Buildings 521-2 and 521-4 on South Post (Yongsan), used for the program.

The rooms share a kitchen and a common area. A washer and dryer are included in the common area. In building # 521-4 all three rooms have private baths. Building # 521-2 contains shared baths for male or female occupancy. Bed linen, towels, soap, and dishware are provided. Gifts are also given to the pregnant women, provided by the church and spouses' association.

Priority eligibility:

1. Pregnant females and family member outside of the Yongsan area.
2. Soldier/Family Members with relative in the intensive care unit.
3. Soldier/Family members with relative in the multi-care unit.

The attending physician must provide and sign a request memorandum for Soldier or Family Member to stay in Stork Nest Room (attached).

For additional information, the Stork Nest POC is Mrs. Im at 738-7169 BLDG #4106, Room# 217. The 2d Infantry Division liaison is: SSG Santos, C: 010-4694-4242

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS.

The emergency phone number can be accessed through any DSN phone on every camp by dialing **911**. To access 911 on your cell phone on: **CRC: 031-870-9117, Casey: 0505-730-5906. The Prostitution and Human Trafficking 2ID Hotline is: 736-9333 or KNP- 02-723-0183.** For Korean National Police call **112**. The **Sexual Assault Hotline** for active duty military victims of sexual assault and any uniformed members to provide input (anonymously if desired) to the **DOD Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault is: 011-740-0479.** A mental health care professional or chaplain will answer the Crisis Intervention Hotline. Dial H-E-L-P (4357) from any DSN phone or 0505-730-HELP from a cell phone or non-DSN phone.

THE "JUDGE'S" CORNER

QUESTIONS FOR THE 2ID STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Service Member: Dear 2ID Staff Judge Advocate, I had a question regarding what travel and transportation expenses are authorized to accompany a dependent to a medical facility. My wife is command sponsored here in Area I and is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment. She can not receive her treatments in the local area and must travel to a clinic several hours away. Am I authorized travel and transportation allowances?

2ID Staff Judge Advocate: Probably. This can often be a confusing area for our Service Members. Let's start with some basic definitions.

a. Dependent: Any dependent located OCONUS who has an active duty sponsor and who has been authorized medical care in a Service medical facility without reimbursement. I understand that your wife is command sponsored, but even if she were not command sponsored, you could still be declared her attendant or escort (explained below) and receive travel and transportation allowances provided that you meet the conditions below.

b. Attendant: A Service Member who, in accordance with travel orders, accompanies a dependent who is authorized to travel to or from a medical facility for required medical attention which is not available locally. An "attendant" takes care of and waits upon the dependent patient in response to the patient's needs. The duties of an attendant may include traveling with the patient and attending to the patient's needs at the destination medical facility. An attendant is appointed by a competent medical authority.

c. Escort: A Service Member who, in accordance with travel orders, accompanies a dependent between authorized locations, when travel of the dependent has been authorized by competent authority, and the dependent is incapable of traveling alone. An escort may be appointed by the Service Member's commanding officer or order-issuing authority.

Your wife properly meets the definition of a "dependent." If you can therefore be appointed as her attendant or escort you can receive travel and transportation allowances while accompanying her. How do you do that? The Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) requires the approving official (normally the Hospital Commander) to make two determinations: (1) The dependent travel must be necessary (i.e. medical care is not available locally) and (2) The dependent is incapable of traveling alone

because of age, physical or mental incapacity, or other extraordinary circumstances.

Provided that you have met these two conditions, the JFTR authorizes TDY travel and transportation allowances to and from the medical facility, but only permits TDY while at the facility if you are on orders as an attendant. Except in critical situations, the maximum time authorized for permissive TDY is 10 days or less. For less than critical situations, Soldiers who wish to remain with the patient will do so in a chargeable leave status unless attachment is authorized.

Perhaps these examples will prove helpful:

a. SGT Carter works on Camp Casey and is married. SGT Carter's wife has been diagnosed with a rheumatologic disorder and requires assistance to get to her medical appointments. She needs to see a specialist off post as 121st Combat Support Hospital does not have rheumatology. What is SGT Carter's status as he accompanies his wife? Because medical care is not available locally and Mrs. Carter is incapable of traveling alone, SGT Carter is an escort, provided that he has been appointed by his commanding officer. As an escort, SGT Carter may be reimbursed for his travel expenses.

b. MAJ Thomas is stationed in Area III. Her eight year old son has been diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome (a kidney disease). The cause for the disease is unknown and he needs to go to Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii for further testing. What is MAJ Thomas's status as she accompanies her son? MAJ Thomas is most certainly an escort. Provided that she is appointed by a competent medical authority and the facts indicate that she will be assisting the hospital with her son's treatments, she may also be declared an attendant. As an attendant, she may be reimbursed for her travel expenses. She will also be TDY while at Tripler.

c. CPT Carlson works on Camp Red Cloud and is here with his wife. His wife has elected to have an abdominoplasty (a tummy tuck). She must travel to a hospital in Seoul for this procedure. What is CPT Carlson's status as he accompanies his wife to her procedure? CPT Carlson is neither an attendant nor an escort. Travel and transportation expenses are not authorized for a dependent who travels for elective surgery.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM NEWS

WORLD CERAMIC EXPO: On May 8th, Gyeonggi Province Office invited female Soldiers and Spouses of the 2d Infantry Division to the World Ceramic Expo at Icheon. Former Vice-Governor of Gyeonggi Province Kwon, Doo Hyun, who is a great friend to 2ID, is currently the President of World Ceramic Expo and continues to foster the friendship he has established with 2ID. VG Kwon extended his invitation to Female Soldiers and Spouses of 2ID to spend time with civic employees and Spouses of Gyeonggi Province Office. On May 19th, 7-8 US volunteers taught English at Surak Elementary School as part of the USO English Program. The English class, scheduled to take place from April to June, received many volunteers to include Mrs. Coggin and other 2ID Soldiers and Family Members. If you are interested in volunteering to teach English at either GPO II HQs (Uijeongbu) on WED evenings or at Kyungmin (Uijeongbu) University's Middle School on THUR evenings please contact LT Min Chul Kim at DSN 732-7685.

UPCOMING GOOD NEIGHBOR EVENTS: The Korean-American Friendship Society is hosting their Festival and Friendship Night on June 14th. The Korea America Friendship Society (KAFS) is a non-political, non-government fraternal organization established for the purpose of promoting better understanding and harmonious Korean-American relations. In pursuit of these goals, KAFS established the Friendship Award to recognize exceptional individual contributions to the promotion of friendship and goodwill. For 2007, the Korea America Friendship Society (KAFS) will present Friendship Awards to five outstanding USFK members during its June Festival and Friendship Night at the Hyatt Hotel in Seoul on Jun 14th. Another upcoming event is the Korean American 4th of July Extravaganza which will have various events, shows, and games provided for the Soldiers and Family at Camp Casey during the 4th of July Holiday.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Greetings and blessings to the Families serving alongside our Second to None soldiers! Even with the summer transition and a change of chaplain for many of our units - the Unit Ministry Teams of the 2ID will continue to be ready to serve you in a variety of ways and through a number of ministry opportunities. Our commitment is sufficient overlap to allow a seamless ministry transition. As always, our Chapels in all three Areas offer a wide variety of Services and many provide watch-care. Check with your chaplain or watch the Indianhead for the times and locations. Chaplains will continue to offer the full spectrum of

marriage, family and individual counseling services. We are also prepared to support your Soldiers who wish to marry in Country IAW USFK Reg 600-240. Please contact your chaplain for an appointment. And there are programs like the ones that are highlighted below to support you. The chaplains and chaplain assistants are trained and ready to meet your religious support needs...they are always "there for you" and ready to do "Ministry Tonight!"

STRONG BONDS FAMILY MINISTRY AND

TRAINING: 2ID Chaplains are sponsoring a wonderful opportunity for couples assigned to the Division. Each month they will be offering the Strong Bonds Training at the Dragon Hill Lodge for up to 20 couples per Brigade. The event is built around classes where couples can learn skills needed to build and maintain life-long, healthy relationships! Chaplains provide a night at the Lodge and 4 meals along with 8 hours of training that will enhance each family's life. . Plans are underway right now for these events beginning in April and running through June. Soldier-families interested are encouraged to contact their Brigade or Battalion Chaplain for details.

OPERATION HELPING HAND. 2ID Chaplains and the Area Chaplain's Offices (I, II and III) have a program to support families in need of financial assistance. Operation Help Hand is available to provide assistance for food at the Commissary. Requests for support can be coordinated through the Soldier's Battalion Chaplain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON CRC AND CAMP

CASEY: Like Area's II and III, the 2ID Chaplains in Area 1 are now offering Family-focused religious education classes at the Warrior Chapel (CRC) and the West Casey Chapel (next to the Library on CP Casey). Classes include Sunday School (Bible Study); a Children's Church program for ages 4 thru 2nd Grade held during the Protestant Services; and a variety of study programs for Men and Ladies of the Chapel throughout the week. Contact your Chaplain for more information for Religious Education for the family.

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"Bringing Hope and Care to Soldier-Families"

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN AT CAMP CASEY

RED CROSS: Volunteers are needed by Red Cross in the following areas: Clinic Chairperson, Public Affairs Chairperson Caseworker, Emergency Interpreter CPR Instructor and more! Please call DSN 730-3184 to sign up or for more information.

CPR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING: The Camp Casey Red Cross is offering CPR Instructor certification. The classes are scheduled for 29 April, and 5 and 6 May 2007. Training lasts all three days. Those interested must have a current CPR certification. Please call 730-3184 for additional information and to pre-register.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ADVOCACY PROGRAM: Area I Advocacy Program Education/Preventive Services include New Parent Support activities and classes, Crisis Intervention and Referrals, Stress and Anger Management classes, Command/Troop Briefings, and other parenting classes. The overall goal of the Advocacy Program is to promote effective healthy family functioning, reduce family stress, and eliminate violence through education and support programs. The three components of Family Advocacy are Education/Prevention, Intervention and Treatment. To address any questions or for training dates and times please call 730-3150.

SPOUSES TO TEACHERS AVAILABLE IN THE

PACIFIC: The Spouses to Teachers program is now available to military spouses stationed in the Pacific. This program is a Department of Defense project designed to assist spouses of active duty and reserve component members to become public school teachers and was originally piloted in: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. The program provides counseling and guidance on state specific certification requirements, certification options, scholarships available, and state employment resources. Up to \$600 is also available via a voucher process to reimburse the cost of testing fees associated with teacher certification/licensure. This is the second expansion overseas following a successful launch in Europe in 2006 where 100 spouses are currently registered and working on degree completion and teacher certification requirements. The Spouses to Teachers program is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). For more information visit the web site at:
<http://www.spousestoteachers.com/>.

USFK REGULATION 614-2 – IN-PROCESSING

ORIENTATION PROGRAM: On 11 January 2007, USFK released an updated Reg 614-2 Inprocessing Orientation program. This regulation establishes policies and procedures for orienting all USFK personnel on certain subject areas to facilitate in-processing and transition to their assignment in Korea. This regulation also provides guidance on Spouse Orientation. Spouses are now required to attend in-processing to receive essential information about living in Korea, including their obligations under the US-ROK (United States-Republic of Korea) Status of Forces Agreement. Only spouses who have attended in-processing will be eligible for a permanent ration card.

Area I conducts Spouse orientations twice monthly from 0900 to 1700. The classes are held; at the Camp Casey ACS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday and at Camp Red Cloud ACS on the 3rd Tuesday. The Camp Red Cloud ACS has child-care available. Pre-registration is requested by calling ACS at 730-3107 or 732-7779.

Area II conducts Spouse orientation Seminars on the 3d Monday of the month at the Yongsan ACS. Classes last from 0900 – 1100. For additional information call

Area III holds their Spouse orientation Seminars at Camp Humphreys on the 3d Tuesday and Wednesday monthly at the Humphreys CAC, Bldg 110, starting from 0800 – 1300. To register, confirm future dates, times or for other information on SOS, call 753-8401.

The full regulation is available at the USFK public website. http://www-hr.korea.army.mil/Programs_Policy/PublicationsRecords/Regulations/USFK/USFK%20Reg%20614-1%20Military%20Command%20Sponsorship%20Program.pdf

FRG LEADER TRAINING: Training is available for FRG Leaders, both online and at Army Community Services. This training is intended to offer support, assistance, and training to FRG Leaders, no matter your geographic location or schedule. Leading an FRG focuses on four main areas: Managing, Leading, Connecting, and Empowering. These four leadership rings overlap, and Army Soldiers and families are the core and primary focus of the FRG. Online training is available at MyArmyLifeToo.com. Live training is offered by each garrison ACS. For details contact: USAG-Yongsan Les Toth, ACS Director, 738-5153.

MONTHLY LANGUAGE CLASSES: Area II Army Community Services offers monthly Korean and

English language classes. In addition to level I & II classes in both languages, Basic English Conversation and Basic English Grammar are offered. For information or to register, call 738-7505/723-6810.

LOOKING FOR WORK: Family Child Care provides work and life options for individuals residing on-post looking to earn an income while staying home. Individuals living in on-post quarters are authorized to care for up to 6 children (including their own). The FCC program offers free training, monetary subsidies, a lending closet and technical and morale support. For more information on how to become a Family Child Care provider, please contact your local ACS office or DSN 725-3205.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: The Red Cross offers training in a wide variety of subjects. For information or to register please call DSN 730-3184 to sign up or for more information.

Saturday, June 2, 9AM-5PM—CPR and First Aid Training-ACS Training Room, Camp Red Cloud (call 732 6160)

Friday 8 June 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Saturday, June 9, 9AM-5PM—Babysitter's Training (Youth ages 10-16), ACS Training Room, Camp Casey

Tuesday, June 12 10AM-12 Noon—Orientation to Red Cross-Red Cross Office Camp Casey

Saturday, June 16 9AM-5PM—CPR and First Aid Training-ACS Classroom, Camp Casey

Friday 13 July 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Friday 10 August 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Friday 14 September 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Friday 12 October 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Friday 9 November 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Friday 14 December 0800 – 1700 – CPR/FA/AED, ACS Humphreys bldg S262.

Lifeguard Training is also coming soon!

Advance registration is required for all classes
Camp Casey 730-3184
Camp Humphreys 753-7172
Yongsan 738-3670

Red Cross Casey is also looking at Disaster Services Training late May to mid June time frame. If anyone is interested, please call Red Cross at Camp Casey, 730-3184.

FAMILY READINESS GROUPS: Family Readiness is the state of preparedness and a key component of mission readiness. 2ID/ Area 1 has established CARRR (Commanders Academy for Readiness, Retention, & Resilience) to facilitate education, training and communication. CARRR convenes quarterly and highlights various areas of Family Readiness. Utilizing Operation READY, AFTB and agency presentations, this forum equips Commanders and FRG Leaders with tools to sustain mission readiness. Questions for dates and times call 730-3143.

UPCOMING DIVISION EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
210 Fires Brigade CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	31-May
6-37 FA CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	7-Jun
164 ATS De-activation Ceremony (Tentative)	K16	12-Jun
ADC(S) Patch Ceremony	CRC, Village Green	13-Jun
C/1-72 Family Cookout	Camp Casey, Company Area	15-Jun
1-2 ATK CoC	Camp Eagle	15-Jun
Chief of Staff's Patch Ceremony	CRC, Village Green	19-Jun
3-2 GSAB CoC	Camp Humphreys	21-Jun
1BSTB CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	22-Jun
2-9 English Classes	Aeshin Children's Home	27-Jun
4-7 Cav CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	27-Jun
604th ASOS CoC	CRC, Theater	29-Jun
2ID FRG Meeting	CRC, CG's Mess	29-Jun
Korean American 4th of July Extravaganza	Camp Casey	4-Jul
210th Fires Brigade CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	10-Jul
ADC(M) Patch Ceremony	CRC, Village Green	11-Jul
FRG Steering Committee Meeting	CRC, CG's Conf Room	11-Jul
1-38 FA CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	12-Jul
702d BSB CoC	H-221, Camp Casey	13-Jul
602d ASB CoC	Camp Humphries	24-Jul
Warrior Country Christmas in November	Yongsan	4-Nov

HELPFUL WEBSITES

United States Forces Korea (USFK)
Eighth United States Army (EUSA)
2nd Infantry Division
IMA Korea Region
175th Finance Management Center
Yongsan Garrison Web site
TRICARE Website
Army Families Online:
Military OneSource

<http://www.usfk.mil/USFK/index.html>
<http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/>
<http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/>
<http://ima.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/>
<http://175fmc.korea.army.mil/>
<http://yongsan.korea.army.mil/>
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>
<http://www.armyfamiliesonline.org/>
<http://www.militaryonesource.com>

Military Homefront <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>
My Army Life Too <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com>
US Embassy Seoul <http://seoul.usembassy.gov/>
US Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services <http://www.uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm>
Dragon Hill Lodge <http://www.dragonhilllodge.com/main.html>

America Supports You is a nationwide program launched by the DoD that recognizes citizens' support for our servicemembers.

<http://www.americasupportsyou.mil>

Give the gift of groceries - enables donations of commissary gift certificates to military families. To order by phone, call 1-877-770-4438, or check out the commissary Web site to order online.

<http://www.commissaries.com/certifcheck/index.cfm>

Gifts from the Homefront - makes Military Exchanges available to servicemembers serving around the world. The program enables donors to send a gift certificate to a military family.

<http://www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm>

U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program - To support wounded servicemembers, visit the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program. This program was established in April 2004 to help wounded veterans and their family's transition to civilian life. Part of this program includes the Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), which offer support to families. These organizations include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America Association, and others. The assistance offered by each organization differs. A listing of these organizations' Web sites

can be found on the AW2 Web site.

<https://www.aw2.army.mil/>

The Fisher House Foundation - offers families of wounded servicemembers a place, close to the Military Medical Facility, to stay while their loved-one is being treated. <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>

Operation Purple - is an opportunity to support children of deployed servicemembers. Check out "Operation Purple" Summer Camps, which are sponsored by the National Military Family Association at <http://www.nmfa.org>. Operation Purple is open to the children of all branches of service including National Guard and the reserve. The camp is free and enables children an opportunity to attend summer camps with other military children with a shared experience. The camps' counselors help the children learn how to cope with their feelings.

FLO NOTES: The Family Liaison Office newsletter, FLO Notes, provides information useful to military families. It is published monthly by the Well Being Liaison Office in the Army G1. To subscribe to the newsletter, send a blank email to the newsletter coordinator, Kristin.kilbane@hqda.army.mil, with "Subscribe to FLO Notes" in the subject line.

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